(d) what would be the share in capital investment in total retail business of major Indian and foreign companies and Indian small companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR) : (a) to (d) Government has not done any assessment on the turnover expected in the next five years of the capital investment likely to be made in the retail industry in India.

Uniformity in FDI

4439. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:
SHRI P.R. RAJAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring uniformity in the level of FDI within various segments of a particular sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry is proposing to increase the FDI limit in key areas in telecom; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR) : (a) and (b) Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) policy is reviewed on an ongoing basis for its simplification and rationalisation.

(c) and (d) FDI cap in Basic, Cellular, Unified Access Services, National/ International Long Distance, V-Sat, Public Mobile Radio Trunked Services (PMRTS), Global Mobile Personal Communications Services (GMPCS) and other value added telecom services was raised from 49% to 74% in 2005 *vide* Press Note 5 (2005 Series). The revised guidelines governing FDI in Telecom sector were issued *vide* Press Note 3 (2007 Series) dated 19.4.2007.

Flouting of SEZ guidelines by promoters

4440. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that SEZ promoters are bypassing the new SEZ guidelines, by splitting up and dividing large SEZs into smaller bits;

(b) whether the SEZ Board is fully aware of such delibrate, post-approval manipulation by the SEZ operators;

(c) if so, what unambiguous steps and directions would be issued to ensure that SEZ operators do not violate the guidelines pertaining to the land areas; and

(d) the steps proposed to review permission granted to all the SEZs which exceed 1000 hectares in size?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH) : (a) to (d) No such instance has come to the notice of the Government so far. The Empowered Group of Ministers (EGOM) at its meeting held on 5th April, 2007 had *inter alia* decided to fix the upper limit of the area required for multi product SEZs at 5000 hectares with a provision that the State Governments may prescribed a lower limit. In the 234 formal approvals granted so far, none of the SEZs has an area over 5000 hectares and therefore, the question of reviewing permission granted in these 234 formal approvals does not arise. In cases where in principle approvals have been granted, the developers are required to submit proposals for formal approvals. The decision of the EGOM would be applicable to all these cases as well as new proposals received.

Holding up decision on SEZ proposals

4441. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Board of Approval has put on hold the consideration of 111 SEZ proposals;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have decided to give due consideration to these proposals; and

(d) if so, the new criteria on which the approval is proposed to be given?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.